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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Public Buildings Service
Washington 25, D. C.

August 25, 1955

Mr. Wallace K. Harrison
Harrison and Abramovitz
45 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Re: A-E Contract
CIA Headquarters Building

Dear Mr. Harrison:

As requested by Mr. Allen Dulles, Director of CIA, I have withdrawn the selection of the firm of deYoung, Moscovitz and Rosenberg as party to an association of architects for the new headquarters building for CIA and have so advised them.

Due to a final determination to be made as to what agency is to be the Government's contracting officer, it is necessary to withdraw any selection of architects previously agreed to by GSA.

You are requested to keep any proceedings involving the selection of architects in which GSA has had a part strictly confidential.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) P. A. STROBEL

Commissioner of Public Buildings

cc: Col. L. K. White
Deputy Director, CIA

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Mr. Benjamin Moscovitz
deYoung, Moscovitz and Rosenberg
205 E. 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Re: A-E Contract
CIA Headquarters Building

Dear Mr. Moscovitz:

This is to confirm telephone conversation of August 19 that the selection of the firm of deYoung, Moscovitz and Rosenberg, as part of a combination of architects for the above project, is withdrawn.

This is being done at the request of Mr. Allen Dulles, Director of CIA, and because a final determination is to be made as to what agency will be the Government's contracting officer.

You are being requested to keep any of the proceedings involving your firm in connection with this project strictly confidential.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) P. A. STROBEL

Commissioner of Public Buildings

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached are copies of the letters dated 25 August 1955 from Mr. P. A. Strobel, Commissioner of Public Buildings, to Mr. Wallace K. Harrison and Mr. Benjamin Moscovitz.


H. GATES LLOYD
Acting Deputy Director
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The Honorable Harry F. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Byrd:

Thank you very much for your letter of 15 July 1955, with which you forwarded for my consideration a letter to you from Mr. Richard M. Smith, Editor and Publisher of the Providence Journal of McLean, Virginia.

Mr. Smith's letter sets forth his views in favor of locating the proposed CIA headquarters installation at Langley, Virginia. Mr. Smith also testified in favor of our possible location at Langley before the Senate Appropriations Committee on 15 July 1955, and I believe that his testimony was extremely effective.

We have determined that the two best sites for our new headquarters installation would be the one on Government-owned land at Langley, Virginia or a tract in private hands in the Alexandria area. We have, of course, expressed a preference for the Langley site, and it is hoped that we will be able to make a final announcement within the next few weeks.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to you for a pleasant summer and to thank you for your many kindnesses to all of us here.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Remarks: For preparation of reply for DCI's signature. Mr. Dulles also asks that the letters from Sen. Byrd and Richard Smith and the map be returned to his files.

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RICHARD M. SMITH
Editor and Publisher

Senator Harry Byrd,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Byrd:

I understand that your Defense subcommittee is holding a hearing Friday morning on the proposed location of CIA at Langley, and that a handful of individuals are scheduled to appear to oppose it. I would appreciate your considering the following points regarding the matter:

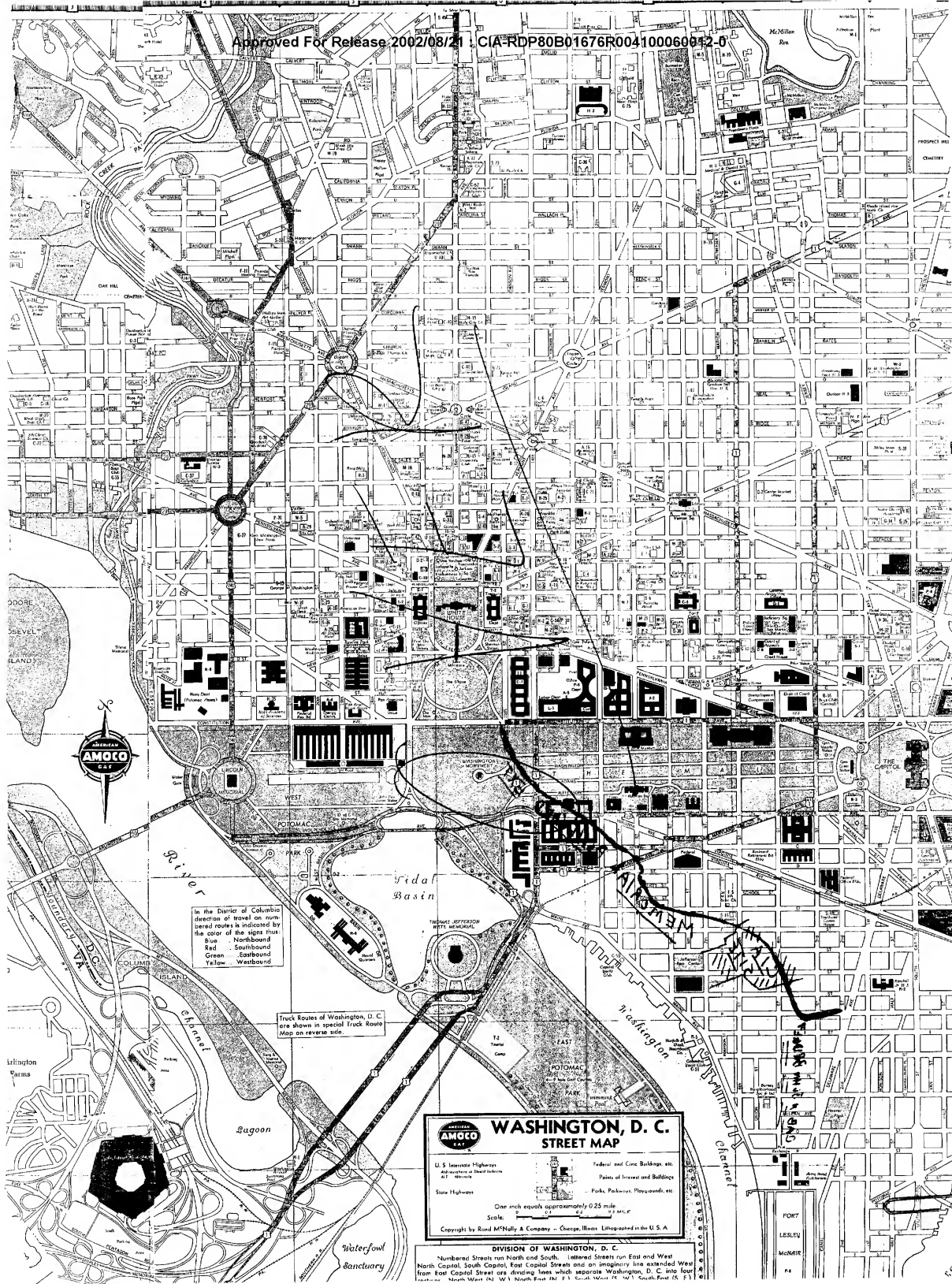
One of the group appearing to oppose the project, Mr. Samuel Neel, though a resident of Langley, is also one of a committee of the Washington Board of Trade which is trying to have CIA locate in the SW Washington redevelopment area. His views, therefore, cannot but be influenced by divided loyalties.

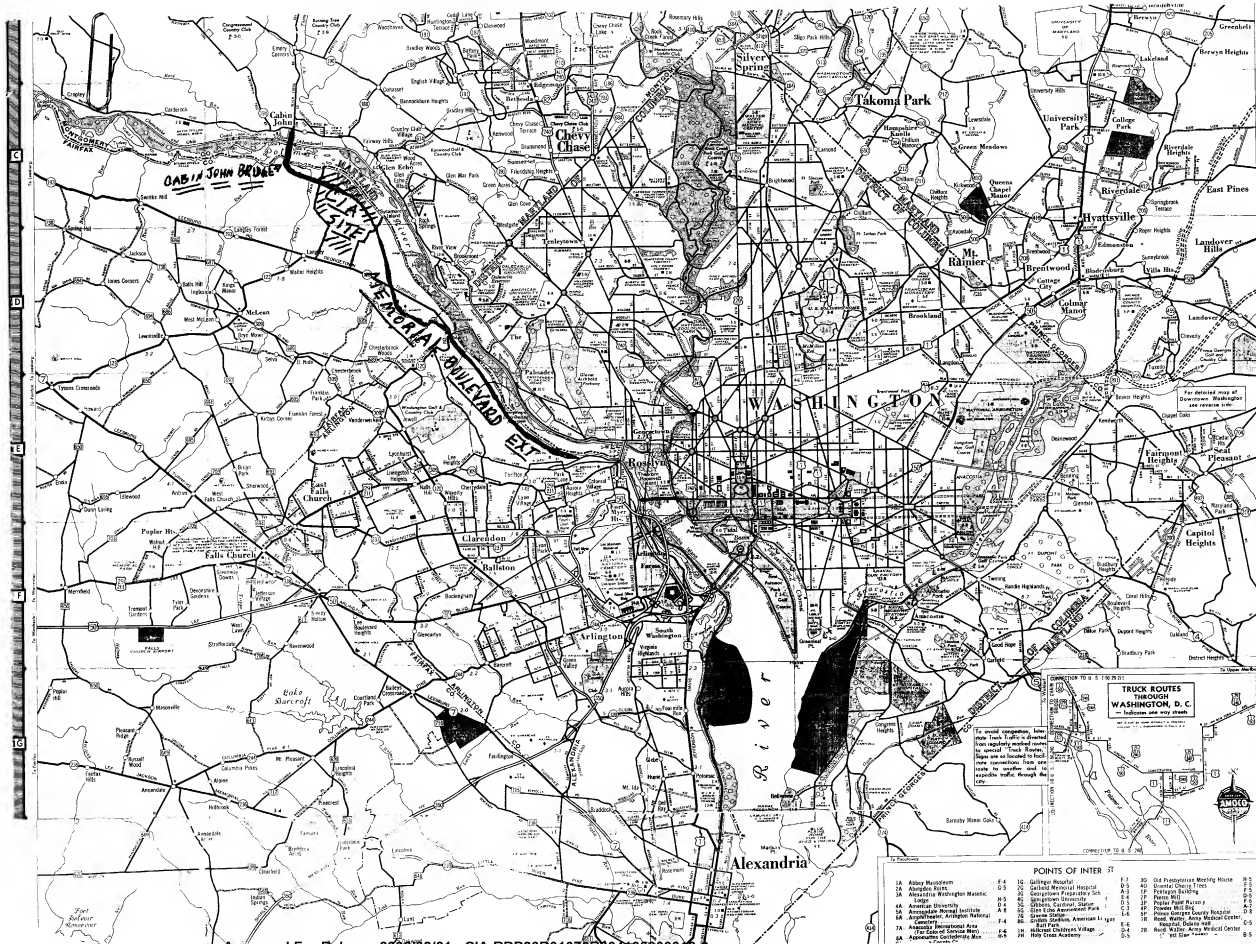
Approval of the location of CIA at Langley has come from the County Board of Supervisors, the chairman of the Northern Virginia Regional Planning and Development Commission, the chairman of the Fairfax County Park Authority, the chairman of the Fairfax County Planning Commission, the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, the Forestville Home Demonstration Club, the Great Falls Grange, the McLean Lions Club, and some others.

Recently at a conference I attended between Judge Howard W. Smith and the chairman of our board of Supervisors, G. Wallace Carper, Judge Smith cooperated by phoning Governor Stanley and asking him to improve Rt. 123 in order to meet CIA's requirements at the Langley site. This has since been definitely agreed to by the Highway Department.

Langley was the original choice, and still is we understand, of CIA officials. They tried to keep the site choice from becoming a political football, but were not successful, and several other areas began competing for it. It was charged by these competitors that Langley was not feasible because 1) it could not be adequately supplied with water; 2) it could not be supplied with sewer facilities; 3) the Virginia Highway Department planned no improvement on the road serving it "for 5 to 10 years", and 4) local opposition.

The first three of these objections have been proven to be utterly untrue by 1) the City of Falls Church guaranteeing satisfactory water service; 2) Fairfax County guaranteeing satisfactory sewage service, and 3) the Highway Department guaranteeing to 4-lane Rt. 123 to the satisfaction of CIA. The fourth point, of local opposition, I believe to have been greatly exaggerated from the start.





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